UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN FOR THE NORTHERN DIVISION

MARIANNE DAVIS, -

Plaintiff,

v. - PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT

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SYNCHRONY BANK, - Case No. 2:17-cv-134

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Defendant. -

COMPLAINT

NOW COMES Plaintiff, MARIANNE DAVIS ("Plaintiff"), by and through her attorneys, and hereby alleges the following against Defendant, SYNCHRONY BANK ("Defendant"):

INTRODUCTION

Plaintiff's Complaint is based on the Telephone Consumer Protection Act ("TCPA"),
 47 U.S.C. § 227 et seq.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 2. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction of this action pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3) and 28 U.S.C. § 1331.
- 3. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2) as the acts giving rise to Plaintiffs' cause of action occurred in this district as Plaintiffs reside in this district and as Defendant transacts business in this district.

PARTIES

- 4. Plaintiff is a natural person residing in Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan.
- 5. Defendant is a business entity headquartered in Draper, Utah.
- 6. Defendant acted through its agents, employees, officers, members, directors, heirs,

successors, assigns, principals, trustees, sureties, subrogees, representatives, and insurers.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 7. Defendant places telephone calls to telephone number
- 8. Telephone number has been assigned to Plaintiff's cellular telephone.
 - 9. These calls are made in connection with an attempt to collect an alleged debt.
 - 10. These calls are not for emergency purposes.
- 11. Upon information and good faith belief, and in light of the frequency, number, nature, and character of these calls, Defendant placed them by using an automatic telephone dialing system.
- 12. On or about March 13, 2017 Plaintiff instructed Defendant to stop calling her cell phone.
- 13. Defendant continued to use an automatic telephone dialing system to Plaintiff's cell phone after March 13, 2017.
- 14. Upon information and good faith belief, Defendant has called Plaintiff's cell phone at least one hundred forty (140) times since March 13, 2017.
 - 15. Defendant used an automatic telephone dialing system to place these calls.
- 16. Defendant did not have Plaintiff's prior express consent to use an automatic telephone dialing system to place these calls.
 - 17. Defendant placed these calls voluntarily.
 - 18. Defendant placed these calls under its own free will.
 - 19. Defendant had knowledge that did not have Plaintiff's prior express consent to use an

automatic telephone dialing system to place these calls

- 20. Defendant willfully used an automatic telephone dialing system to place these calls.
- 21. Plaintiff is annoyed and feels harassed by Defendant's calls.

<u>COUNT I</u> DEFENDANT VIOLATED THE TELEPHONE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

- 22. Defendant's actions alleged *supra* constitute numerous negligent violations of the TCPA, entitling Plaintiff to an award of \$500.00 in statutory damages for each and every violation pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(B).
- 23. Defendant's actions alleged *supra* constitute numerous and multiple knowing and/or willful violates of the TCPA, entitling Plaintiff to an award of \$1500.00 in statutory damages for each and every violation pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(B) and 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(C).

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, MARIANNE DAVIS, respectfully requests judgment be entered against Defendant, SYNCHRONY BANK for the following:

- 24. Statutory damages of \$500.00 for each and every negligent violation of the TCPA pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § (b)(3)(B).
- 25. Statutory damages of \$1500.00 for each and every knowing and/or willful violation of the TCPA pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § (b)(3)(b) and 47 U.S.C. § (b)(3)(C),
 - 26. All court costs, witness fees and other fees incurred.
 - 27. Any other relief that this Honorable Court deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 8, 2017

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